The Cabinet for Health and Family Services

THE KHIE CONNECTION

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Welcome to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange Newsletter!

Quick Stats:

As of June 16, 2015:

⇒ KHIE has signed participation 755 agreements, representing 2,956 locations

⇒ A total of 1,045 provider locations, are submitting live data and exchanging information (see page 4 for more details)

⇒ 90% of acute care hospitals in KY, are live on KHIE

⇒ $193,450,886.05 has been paid to Medicaid providers in KY, through the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

⇒ $321,300,350.39 has been paid to Medicare providers in KY through the EHR Incentive Program

Inside this Issue:

Did You Know?

Kentucky recently passed an electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) regulation that mandates that all hospitals send reportable diseases electronically via KHIE. The regulation goes into effect October 1, 2016. Click here (http://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/902/002/020.htm)to learn more about the regulation.

A Message from the State Health IT Coordinator
Polly Mullins-Bentley

Greetings from the Kentucky Health Information Exchange! KHIE recently submitted its comments for the notice of proposed rule making for Meaningful Use Stage 1 and 2 in 2015-2017. Click here (http://khie.ky.gov/nr/Documents/Modifications%20comments%206-8-2015_KY%20HIE%20FINAL.pdf) to access the comments for this proposed rule. To access the Stage 3 KY comments, click here (http://khie.ky.gov/tech/Documents/Stage%203%20NPRM%20Comments%20-%205-29-2015%20KY%20HIE.pdf). To access the 2015 ONC Certified EHR Technology proposed rule KY comments, click here (http://khie.ky.gov/tech/Documents/2015%20NPRM%20Public%20Comment%20KY%20HIE.pdf).

As I mentioned last month, as the state health IT coordinator, it is my duty to convene key partners, (KY Regional Extension Center, Northeastern Kentucky Regional Health Information Organization, QSource, HealthBridge, and the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program) and stakeholders across the state to discuss and collectively comment on these NPRMs. KHIE is proud to have completed this work with our key partners and stakeholders and we look forward to commenting on proposed rules in the future as well as reviewing collectively the finalized rule makings published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Office of the National Coordinator.

Thank you for allowing us to be your state designated health information exchange. Without your work, we would not be possible. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

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Polly Mullins-Bentley, RN, RHIT, CPHQ

State Health I.T. Coordinator

Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

JULY 1, 2015 DEADLINE:

Payment adjustments will begin on January 1, 2016 for Medicare eligible professionals (EPs) who did not successfully participate in the EHR Incentive Program in 2014. EPs can avoid the 2016 payment adjustment by applying for a 2016 hardship exception. Applications are due to be submitted by **11:59 pm ET on July 1, 2015**. To file a hardship exception application the provider must show proof of a circumstance beyond your control. CMS outlines specific circumstances considered to be barriers to achieving meaningful use. More information regarding the payment adjustments can be located at http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/PaymentAdj_Hardship.html.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

Documentation is needed to support each attestation for every Program Year. Having documentation attached to the attestation will speed up the review process. A list of required documentation is located at http://chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/C995C46E-563C-4291-A7AD-4B157C5E34AD/0/EHRDocumentationChecklist01052015.pdf . Documentation may be uploaded during the attestation process. If you cannot attach a pdf document during the attestation process, use the "Send Email" link on the left hand navigation menu to contact the EHR Incentive Program team for assistance. Please note documentation uploaded within the attestation does not alleviate the provider from being requested to produce additional documentation that may be requested during a pre-payment or post-payment audit. For audit purposes all documentation supporting the information attested by the Provider or Facility should be kept for 6 years.

PROGRAM YEAR 2015 ATTESTATIONS:

Due to the release of the Stage 3 NPRM and Modification to MU in 2015-2017 NPRM, the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is only accepting Program Year 2015 attestations for adopt, implement or upgrade (AIU). Once the NPRM's are final and system changes are made the system will be available for providers to attest as a meaningful user.

CONTACT US

The Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program team may be contacted in the event of questions or issues. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Email us at EHRIncentives@ky.gov, ask questions or describe issues through the Issues/Concerns section within the attestation website or call us at 502-564-0105 extension 2480.

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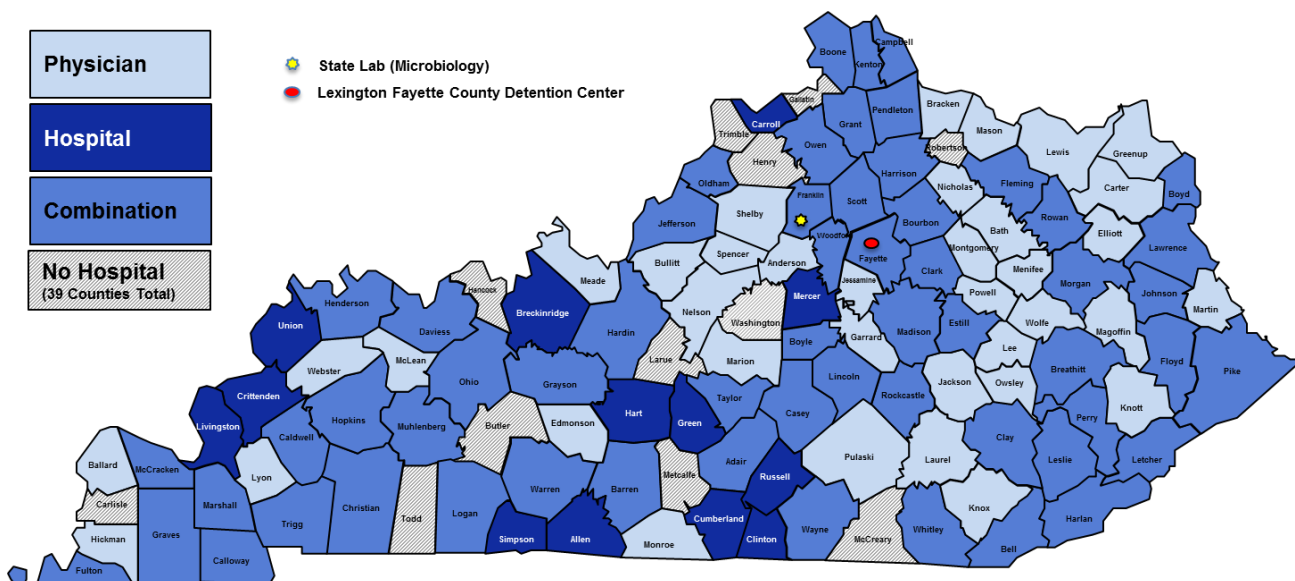**EHR** | INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Connection Updates

Statewide Health Information Exchange

The KHIE continues to build its robust health information exchange and currently has a total of 1,045 provider locations submitting live data and actively exchanging information. To see KHIE's footprint across the Commonwealth, please see the map below. Click here (http://khie.ky.gov/nr/Pages/khiemap.aspx) to view all of KHIE's connections across the state.
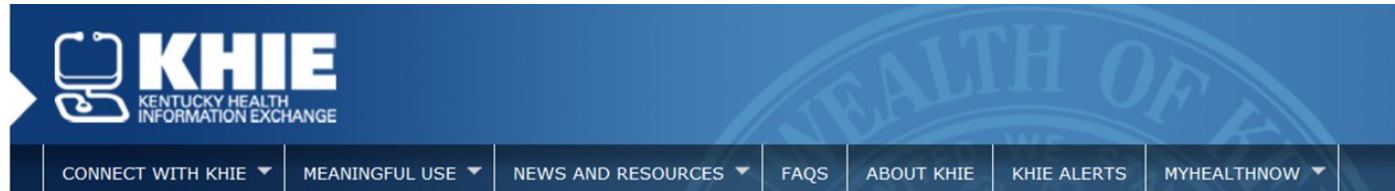
NEW LIVE CONNECTIONS

The following providers have made new or additional live connections with KHIE:

- Central Internal Medicine, PSC
- Cumberland County Hospital Association
  - B.F. Taylor Medical ARB Clinic
  - Flowers Rural Health Clinic
- Deaconess Health System
  - Deaconess Clinic-Henderson
  - Deaconess Clinic-Morganfield
  - Deaconess Clinic-Henderson II
  - Deaconess Clinic-Pediatrics
  - Neurosurgical Associates -Owensboro
- Kentucky River Foothills Development Council Inc
  - Clay City; Irvine

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Monday, March 23, 2015

CMS and ONC release NPRMs on stage 3 requirements and 2015 edition certification criteria

2015 eHealth Summit

Save the date for the 2015 Kentucky eHealth Summit Sept. 30.

Get Started

Make the KIHE connection. KHIE outreach coordinators can help you get started.

Providers submitting live data to KHIE

Select a county from the map to find out who is connected to the KHIE and submitting live data.

Contact Us

Are you a health care provider, hospital or other organization ready to connect to KHIE? Do you have questions, comments or need more information about the program? Fill out this form to contact KHIE.

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